

Wickenburg, Arizona Community Profile

Wickenburg Community Hospital is located in the community of Wickenburg in Maricopa County, 60 miles northwest of Phoenix. Wickenburg is situated in the fertile flood plain of the Hassayampa River and in the foothills of the Bradshaw Mountains.

The community of Wickenburg was established in 1863 when Henry Wickenburg discovered gold there. He opened the Vulture Mine, which would become Arizona's richest gold mine, producing over \$30 million in gold.

In 1909, the town of Wickenburg was incorporated. The town's web site cites that Wickenburg had a vivid Old West history that was as rough as it was colorful, including "Indian wars, mine closures, desperados, drought and a disastrous flood in 1890, when the Walnut Creek Dam burst." In 1895, a railroad was built through Wickenburg that connected the town to other areas, facilitating the growth of tourism. Today, Wickenburg's economy is driven by tourism, ranches, medical services... and 'guest' ranches: Wickenburg is known as the Dude Ranch Capital of Arizona. Four ranches offer city folk a taste of the Old West experience.

Wickenburg's population is 6,285. Its population density is 546.2 residents per square mile of land. The racial composition includes 91.8 percent Whites, 1.2 percent Native Americans, 0.3 percent Blacks, and 0.5 percent Asians and Pacific Islanders. Hispanics comprise 11.0 percent of the Wickenburg's population.

Among Wickenburg residents, the age distribution is fairly evenly spread, including 21.9 percent below 20 years of age, 24.6 percent from 20-44 years, 24.8 percent from 45-64, and 28.7 percent above the age of 64. There are 89 males for every 100 females for a female:male ratio of 1.12.



The median household income in Wickenburg is \$32,428, which is approximately one-fourth less than the statewide median household income of \$44,261. Approximately 12.8 percent of Wickenburg's population lives below the federal poverty line and approximately 34.1 percent lives below 200% of the federal poverty line. The Wickenburg unemployment proportion is 1.6 percent. Detailed tables profiling demographic, economic and healthcare coverage indicators at the community, county, and state-wide levels are included.

Wickenburg Community Hospital

The Wickenburg community, where the hospital is located, is in an Arizona Medically Underserved Area as well as a dental, mental health and primary care Health Professional Shortage area. The hospital is a 19-bed, not-for-profit facility that has been a Critical Access Hospital since January 1, 2001. It provides community residents with healthcare that is competent, courteous, compassionate and convenient. Total care teams include physicians, visiting specialists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who are highly skilled and dedicated to providing the best care possible.

The hospital offers acute care, specialized hospital nursing care, cardiopulmonary, fitness center, laboratory, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, visiting specialists, x-ray and medical imaging service.

The Emergency Care Center is always open and staffed. The cardiopulmonary department, which is under the direction of a board certified cardiologist, provides respiratory therapy and diagnostic testing. Respiratory therapy procedures include breathing treatments, pulmonary function tests, and ventilator management. Diagnostic tests include echocardiograms, cardiac treadmills, EKG's, blood gas testing and holter monitoring. Mammogram screening, physical rehabilitation and swing bed services. The hospital also offers public education pertaining to the prevention and management of pulmonary diseases.



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Wickenburg Community Hospital has one of the newest and most advanced imaging departments in Arizona. The medical imaging department has stayed on top of the latest technology and the newest trends. The newest equipment and latest software provides the physician with the sharpest and best diagnostic images possible. Imaging services include general diagnostic x-rays, computerized radiography, digital fluoroscopy, multi detector CT scan, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, bone densitometry, mammography with computer aided detection and PACS-filmless viewing.

The hospital has 19 acute beds and offers quiet, private rooms, telemetry packs to monitor cardiac rhythm while allowing the patient to be out of the bed, swing beds and short term rehabilitation in coordination with physical therapy, and ambulatory nursing services such as blood transfusions, IV infusions, injections, and complete wound care.

The hospital uses balanced scorecards as a management tool to improve hospital performance.

Sources:

Arizona Department of Commerce, Wickenburg Community Profile
Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Health Systems Development
Town of Wickenburg website

**Wickenburg Community Hospital, Wickenburg, Arizona
Wickenburg, Wickenburg PCA, Maricopa County and Arizona
Demographic, Economic Indicator, and Healthcare Coverage Profile 2006**

	WICKENBURG	WICKENBURG PCA	MARICOPA COUNTY	ARIZONA
	<u>POPULATION</u>			
2006 Population	6,285	26,348	3,792,675	6,305,210
Population density ¹	546.2	19.2	412.1	55.5
Female % / Male %	52.9% / 47.1%	51.2% / 48.8%	50.0% / 50.0%	50.1% / 49.9%
	<u>AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION</u>			
Age				
0-19	1,376 (21.9%)	5,662 (21.5%)	1,136,655 (30.0%)	1,871,275 (29.7%)
20-44	1,547 (24.6%)	5,665 (21.5%)	1,461,185 (38.5%)	2,295,094 (36.4%)
45-64	1,558 (24.8%)	6,980 (26.5%)	751,601 (19.8%)	1,318,234 (20.9%)
65+	1,804 (28.7%)	8,041 (30.5%)	443,234 (11.7%)	820,607 (13.0%)
	<u>RACE AND ETHNICITY</u>			
Race and Ethnicity				
White	91.8%	86.9%	77.5%	75.7%
American Indian	1.2%	0.9%	1.8%	4.8%
Black	0.3%	0.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.5%	0.5%	2.3%	1.9%
Other	6.2%	11.0%	14.7%	14.5%
Hispanic	11.0%	18.0%	25.0%	25.4%
	<u>ECONOMIC INDICATORS</u>			
Economic Indicators				
Below 100% FPL	12.8%	11.9%	11.7%	13.9%
Below 200% FPL	34.1%	29.9%	29.2%	33.5%
Unemployed	1.6%	3.2%	3.5%	4.2%
Median household income	\$32,428	\$38,190	\$49,540	\$44,261
	<u>HEALTH COVERAGE</u>			
Health Coverage				
Medicare beneficiaries	9.8%	9.7%	9.9%	11.1%
AHCCCS enrollees	15.6%	14.9%	15.7%	17.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Health Systems Development, Primary Care Area and Places Special Area Statistical Profiles. Adapted February 2008.

¹Residents per square mile of land